

CHAPTER 10 SECTION 2.9

CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE

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I. ISSUE

Certified Nurse Midwife

II. POLICY

A. A certified nurse midwife may provide covered care independent of physician referral and supervision, provided the nurse midwife is:

1. Licensed, when required, by the local licensing agency for the jurisdiction in which the care is provided; and

2. Certified by the American College of Nurse Midwives. To receive certification, a candidate must be a registered nurse who has completed successfully an educational program approved by the American College of Nurse Midwives, and passed the American College of Nurse Midwives National Certification Examination.

B. The services of a registered nurse who is not a certified nurse midwife may be authorized only when the patient has been referred for care by a licensed physician and a licensed physician provides continuing supervision of the course of care.

III. EXCLUSION

A lay midwife who is neither a certified nurse midwife nor a registered nurse is not an authorized provider, regardless of whether the services rendered may otherwise be covered.

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